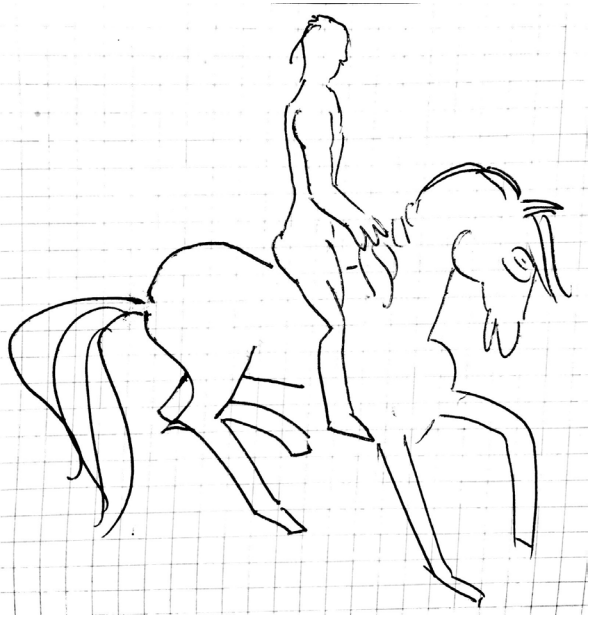
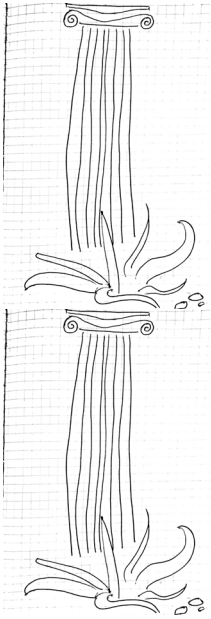
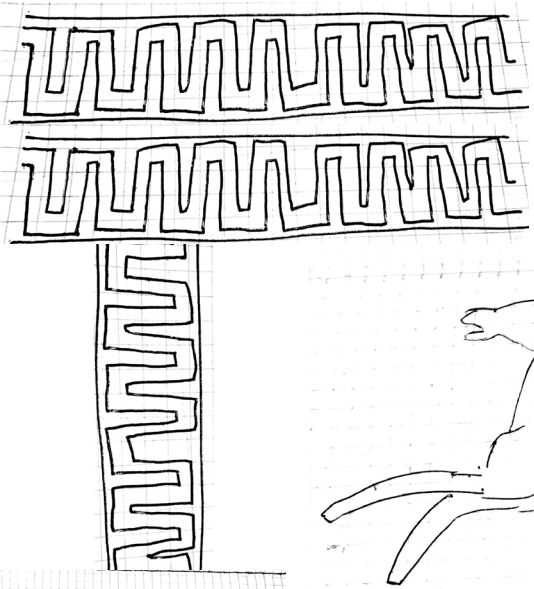
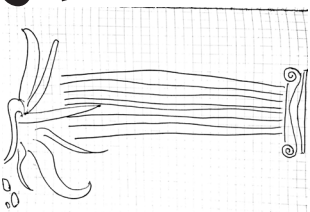
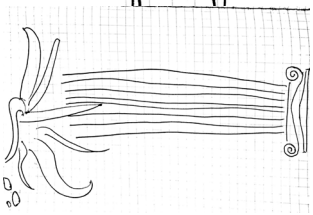
OF HORSES AND MEN











I have a fascination for an object that goes under the name casket, jewelry box or cigar box, maybe just closable boxes in general.
Boxes that you can use to hide things you don’t want to show to the unauthorized or to preserve things like e.g. scent bottles to be safe from light, cause light’s gonna make it lose its smell. Some years ago I bought a box. I was on my way home from a long party early in the morning on a flee market that had just opened its tills.
It was love at first sight.

It took

me maybe 5 minutes to figure out where it comes from. The research. That‘s because I have the advantage of having pretty well functioning eyes.
I looked at the logo: It could be an M, it could be a W, it could be an E. And the thing on top must be some kind of animal or flower. I googled

Schatulle E Löwe

(German for casket E Lion)

The casket comes from a small town in the south of Germany called „Schwäbisch Gmünd“ and was produced in a family business with the name „Erhard & Söhne“. According to an auction website it was made in the 1930s. I can imagine that its obvious homoerotic reference was supposed to stay hidden in the basements of the family business during WWII, otherwise the business would have disappeared in the pink bermuda triangle.

I found the exact same item on ebay twice for three times the price I payed. Although my bargaining skills were not at their highest level the morning I purchased this beautiful item, I could convince the vendor to sell it to me for 45€, instead of his actual proposal of 60€. I wonder how many of these boxes were actually produced. I found more boxes of the same brand with naked men on horses.

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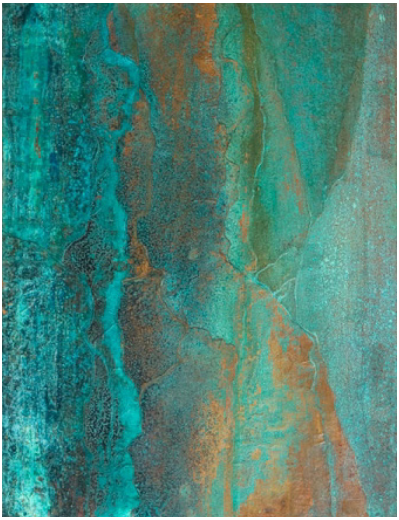


5,5 cm

12,5 cm

913 g

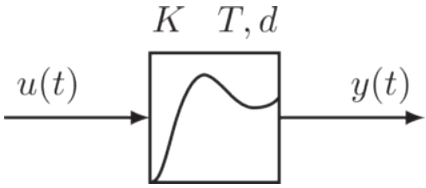
Bronzed brass
Blued copper

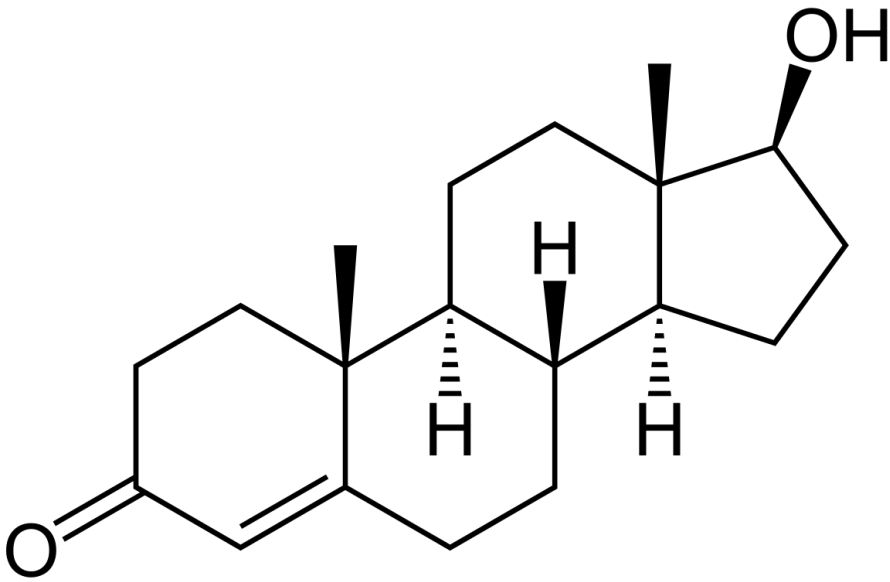
Naked young men betw. 15-25 years old
sitting on raging horse
the man on the right is whiping
the horses arse with a stick
in the background you can see an ionic pillar
at the pillar‘s foot there‘s an aloe vera plant

Lion aquamanile
underneath: E, for Erhard & Söhne

In the golden twenties men developped a particular code word to indicate they‘d be up for playing a little bit.

„Shall we smoke some cigars?“

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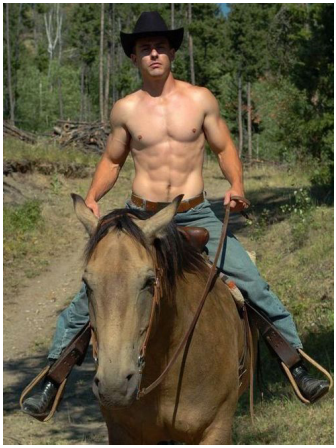
Naked men on horses hunting a boar. The teeth of a boar are very sharp and dangerous and can slice a body, cause severe injuries or sometimes even death if one falls from a horse.

Very popular in general and very nice to look at. Paintings of naked men and horses. Muscles, testosterone, sweat and hair.

A sculpture made and installed by Elisabeth Frink 1975 in Winchester, UK.
The man sitting on the horse is naked.

A sculpture by Heinz Schwarz situated in Geneva.

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